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Writing Absolutes and Absolute Phrases

You can add an action image to your writing by using an absolute or an absolute phrase.
Look how easy it can be.

ORIGINAL SENTENCE:

The cat climbed the tree.

ADD TWO ABSOLUTES TO GIVE ADDACTION DETAILS:

Claws digging, feet kicking, the cat climbed the tree.

ADD AN ABSOLUTE PHRASE:

Claws digging into the bark, the cat climbed the tree.

1. ORIGINAL SENTENCE: The student ran down the hall.

USE TWO ABSOLUTES TO ADD ACTION DETAILS:

ADD AN ABSOLUTE PHRASE:

2. ORIGINAL SENTENCE: My sister received her diploma.

USE TWO ABSOLUTES TO ADD ACTION DETAILS:

ADD AN ABSOLUTE PHRASE:

3. ORIGINAL SENTENCE: The little boy ate his lunch.

USE TWO ABSOLUTES TO ADD ACTION DETAILS:

ADD AN ABSOLUTE PHRASE:

4. MAKE UP YOUR OWN ORIGINAL SENTENCE:

USE TWO ABSOLUTES TO ADD ACTION DETAILS:

ADD AN ABSOLUTE PHRASE:

****EXTRA CREDIT:** Use the sentences below as a pattern to create your own sentence.

1. **The season nearly finished**, Rebecca and Sophie emerged as true leaders.

2. The two children played in the sandbox, **their faces beaming happily**.

3. The old firefighter stood in the burning building, **his face streaked with ash**.
